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# Trumbull Town Clerk's Office

## Monthly Newsletter – December 2010

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### Honoring our Veterans

Remember the Anniversary of Pearl Harbor on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. And remember to thank a veteran for your freedoms!



### Town Hall Holiday Green Lighting

On Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm we will be lighting up the Town Hall Green. The Madison Middle School band will play. Santa will be here and the Long Hill Fire Truck will bring Santa to the event. Come and join in the fun at the Town Hall Green.



### Trumbull Historical Society Events!

#### Saturday December 4, Craft Workshop- "Colonial Door Fan"

Workshop 1-4 pm \$30 for Members \$35 for Non Members  
This beautiful and colorful Colonial Williamsburg holiday decoration can be used over the door, inside or outside, as well as over a mantel. Crafted on a form that can be used year after year. For more information or to register call Wendy Cole Mawhinney at 203-261-4662 or e-mail her a [WCMawhinney@aol.com](mailto:WCMawhinney@aol.com) This a fun project that could start a "new" tradition with your family.

#### Sunday December 5, "Trees for History" Preview Day

Open 1 - 4 pm Trumbull Girl Scouts are invited to decorate a wreath or a small tree with a theme relating to the holiday, scouting or history. The trees will be displayed at the Trumbull Historical Museum, where visitors can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win their favorite at our Holiday Open House **December 12th**.

Free and open to the Public

#### Sunday December 12 Holiday Open House

Open 1 - 4 pm. Girl Scout decorated tree display and raffle. You could win your favorite to have for years to come. Seasonal decorations along with Santa, music and refreshments, as well as the gift shop. Bring your camera! Great Family photo opportunity with Santa and the Society's reproduction Sleigh! **Free and open to the Public**

### First Selectman Brown Bag Lunches or Coffees

The Brown Bag Lunch is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. The First Selectman will hold his monthly 'coffee' on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Please join us!



### Town Hall Notice

Town Hall will be closed for Christmas on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and for the observation of New Year's on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday.

### Trumbull High School AGriScience – Holiday Flower Sale

Holiday Flower Sale at the AgriScience Building Holiday Shop will run from Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 each day!



## Happy Holidays to all!!!



## Trumbull Youth Department Event Trumbull Movie Night

Join us for a fun night out with family and friends!!!

**ELF**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 7PM

Madison Middle School - 4630 Madison Ave,

Free Admission

Please bring a non-perishable food item or

A donation for the Trumbull Food Pantry

## Library News

### **Fairchild Nichols Branch Library**

2nd Annual Golden Spatula Cookie Contest for ages 6-12

Prizes and Certificates will be awarded.

Deadline, 8pm, December 13th.

Entry forms are available at the branch library and will be on our website.

### **Main Library**

Tuesday, Dec. 28th @ 11:30am

Wildlife Rescuers from the Animal Embassy Presents Amazing Mammals.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

The next sale will take place on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm.

We have a great selection of children's books and a great selection of fiction also. Join us in the Community Room of the Library.

Books make a great gift!

## **American Legion Post 141 Members**

### Reminder to all American Legion Post 141 Members:

Annual Christmas Party for members' families of Post 141. Children 12 years old and younger will receive a present. In order to purchase and wrap the gifts on time, we will need to know each child's name, gender and age -no later than 11/29. (This is not open to the general public).

There will be a magician and Santa Claus, as well as refreshments. Present info can be called either to Peter Pappas (268-7904) or George Areson (261-6874).



## **American Legion Bingo Come and join in the fun!!!**

American Legion Bingo takes place every Wednesday beginning at 6:30pm in the Veterans Hall on Whitney Avenue. Doors open at 5 pm.

Twenty games are played with a weekly jackpot (prizes as high as \$1600).

Families are welcome at this event and children ages 12 and up may play.

Admission is \$2.00. Bingo card fees are extra.

### **Town Phone Directory**

First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst  
203-452-5006

Animal Control, Lynn Dellabianca  
203-452-5088

Arts Coordinator, Emily Areson  
203-452-5065  
Building Dept.  
203-452-5020

Business Education Initiative and the Cable  
Television Advisory

John Annick 203-377-5803.

Fire Marshal, Meghan Murphy  
203-452-5080  
Transfer Station  
203-452-5167

Chief of Service, EMS, Barbara Crandall  
non-emergency number, 203-452-5146

HR/Civil Service, Mary Ann Meier  
203-452-5040  
Engineering  
203-452-5045

Finance Director, Maria Pires  
203-452-5009

Golf Course Superintendent  
203-452-5085  
Golf Pro Shop  
203-261-5989

Health Department  
203-452-5184

Highway Garage  
203-452-5070  
203-452-5071

Internal Auditor, James Henderson  
203-452-5064

Librarian, Susan Horton  
203-452-5129  
Library  
203-452-5197

Nature and Arts Center  
203-452-4421

P&Z, Helen Granskog  
203-452-5047

Police Chief, Chief Thomas Kiely (non-emergency) 203-261-3665

POLICE EMERGENCY 911

Probate, The Hon. John Chiota  
203-452-5063

Public Works, John Marsilio  
203-452-5045

Purchasing, Robert Chmini  
203-452-5042

Recreation, Mary Markham  
203-452-5060

Registrars of Voters,  
William Holden & Jane Aiello  
203-452-5058 and 203-452-5059

Senior Center, Jean Ferreira  
203-452-5199

Superintendent of Schools, Ralph Iassogna  
203-452-4301

Tax Assessor, Mark DeVestern  
203-452-5016

Tax Collector, Mary Moran  
203-452-5024

Town Clerk, Suzanne Burr Monaco  
203-452-5037

Town Treasurer, John Ponzio  
203-452-5012

Trumbull Historical Society  
203-377-6620

Zoning Office  
203-452-5052

## TRUMBULL ARTS COMMISSION

### CONCERTS AND CABARETS

*Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – “From Op to Pop” – 1pm Cabaret Seating, Jodi Keogan - soprano, Mark Watson baritone, David Shenton –piano, Opera and popular music*

*Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – “Songs from the Heart”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Michael Jovovich & Dr. Joe Utterback, Tony LaVorgna, Brian Coralian, Nick Macri*

*Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – “River City Slim & the Zydeco Hogs”, 7:30 pm cabaret, Zydeco, Cajun music and lore*

*Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – “The Kerry Boys”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Irish songs and humor*

*Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – “Radio Ranch”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Country Western Dance Band*

*Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – “Broadway to Hollywood”, 7:30 pm, Cabaret, Joanne Kant & Wanda Grochowski, comedy and songs*

*Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – “Fiesta del Norte”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Interactive Mariachi Band celebrating Cinco De Mayo*

*All performances take place at the Center at 23 Priscilla Place in Trumbull. Pre-Purchase Tickets is suggested. \$5.00 per person. Space is limited. Bring your own refreshments. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Emily Areson at the Arts Commission office, 203-452-5065.*

### SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Prior to a storm, regular weather reports are received, and manpower is made available. As the snow starts to fall, manpower is deployed on an as needed basis. Once the storm is upgraded to all out, as many as 23 plow trucks and 3 supervisors are on the road.

Please remember...emergency responders come first, so Police, Fire and EMS vehicles shall take preference.

Main roads are plowed first, collector streets next, and dead-ends last.

Please don't shovel the end of your driveway too soon, as it will only frustrate you each time the plow goes by and fills in the area with snow.

Any objects, such as mailboxes, posts, fences, sprinkler heads, curbing, etc., within the roadway area that are damaged, should be called in to the Highway Department at (203) 452-5070 within 2 weeks of the occurrence of a storm.

In the event that a parking ban becomes necessary, it will be posted on WTNH (channel 8), WICC 600 AM radio, and periodically on WFSB (channel 3). If our plow is unable to do its job because a vehicle is parked on the road, IT WILL BE TOWED.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation during this busy season!



### *Holiday Safety Tips*

The Trumbull Police Department would like to wish everyone a very Happy 2010 Holiday Season and offer the following Holiday Safety Tips.

As many people travel during the holiday season to visit family, friends, and relatives; the most important tip that we can offer is to drive safely. It is estimated that the amount of vehicular traffic during the Holiday Season doubles. Whether driving to a family function or a shopping center to do holiday shopping, drivers are reminded to obey all of the traffic laws and be patient when sitting in traffic. Observant drivers free from any type of distraction (including cell phone use) is less likely to be involved in a crash while operating a motor vehicle.

Drinking and Driving is not tolerated during the increased amount of traffic and travelers during the Holiday Season. Trumbull Police Department has taken a strong initiative to detour and combat the amount of drinking and driving. Extra motor vehicle / DUI patrols have been added to the schedule throughout the holiday season including the actual Holidays themselves.

When traveling or shopping at a place of business, have a plan. Be sure to let your family members know where you are traveling to, the route that you will be taking, the estimated time that you will be away, and any other pertinent information. (backup route in case of heavy traffic)

When your vehicle is at rest, be sure to LOCK THE DOORS, and keep any expensive items out of view. Make sure your vehicle is in proper working order and do not let your gas tank fall below one quarter of a tank in case you get stopped in unexpected traffic.

Remove any / all GPS units from the window and secure them (preferably in a locked container) and remove any indication from the window that your car has a GPS unit. (circle left by suction cup).

Lastly remember to fasten your seatbelt and make sure that any car seats are properly installed. Seat belts save lives.

**Happy Holidays and Drive Safe.**



## Senior News

### *Christmas Party*

Friday, December 17, noon. \$8 per person Tickets at Senior Center. Call 203-452-5199

### *December Shopping Trips*

12/1 – Christmas Tree Shop, lv 10:30 am return 2:30 pm. Lunch at Wendy's.

12/15 – Trumbull Mall, lv Center at 10:30am, return 2:30 pm

**New Year's Eve Bash** - 12/31 – with Tom Mohyde, 7 pm until 12:30 a.m. Members only. \$40 per person.

Limited Seating. Turkey, ham, crab cakes, stuffed shells, shrimp cocktail & more!

**Social Services Office** - Energy Assistance Program – taking applications by appointment only.

Call to schedule an appointment (203)452-5198.

Trumbull Food Pantry is open to all residents. Call in advance to make an appointment.

### **HOLIDAY Safety Recommendations - Trumbull Fire Marshal's Office**

- Before natural trees are set up, the trunk should be sawed above the original cut, set in a stand and tap water added. This initial fresh cut opens up the sap channels in the tree so that it can take up water. Keep your tree stand water level above the cut in the trunk to prevent the tree from forming a sap seal. A sap sealed tree trunk will not draw water which is needed for it to remain fresh.
- All trees should be held upright in sturdy stands having a base that is sufficiently broad enough to effectively support the tree. Guy wires may be needed to steady oversized trees.
- Natural trees having root balls should be moistened daily and cut natural trees should be placed in containers of water sufficient to provide at least a one day supply. A container holding at least 1 quart per inch in stem diameter is recommended.
- Natural trees should remain indoors only for as long a period of time as they are fresh. Cut trees are thirsty! Depending on tree size, they may use from two pints to one and one half gallons or more per day – so make sure to check the water level daily and supply fresh water as needed. Remove any tree that shows evidence of drying or severe shedding.
- All trees and decorations should be located a safe distance from sources of heat such as heaters, fireplaces, stoves, television sets, candles and the like. Never put real candles on your tree!
- Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday-related accidents. Worn-out electrical cords and plugs should be replaced. Avoid too many plugs in one outlet. Use multi-outlet power strips when running many applications or decorative light screens. All sources of electric lighting, both direct and indirect, should be in good condition and consist of equipment that has been tested and labeled or listed for the specific purpose by a recognized testing laboratory. All lighting should be turned off or better yet, disconnected, when the area is unattended. This is especially important in occupied residences when the occupants are asleep.

### **2010 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE**

### ***Pick Up dates are:***

District 4 –November 15

District 5 –November 22

District 3 -December 8

District 2 –December 22

District 6 –December 1

District 1 –December 15

Note that this schedule is consistent with the format for the rotation of the Voting Districts that has been in place for many years.

District 7 was second last year and it is first this year, rotating up the chain of order. Next year District 7 will be last.

THE DISTRICTS THAT DO NOT START ON A MONDAY WERE DONE SO TO ACCOUNT FOR HOLIDAYS AND PERMIT 5 DAYS OF PICK UP PER DISTRICT.

WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY PUSH THE LEAF SCHEDULE BACK.

NOTE: THE LEAVES **MUST** BE OUT BY 7:00 A.M. ON THE **FIRST** DAY OF THE WEEK OF COLLECTION. IF THEY ARE PUT OUT AFTER THAT DATE **THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

THE LOOSE LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM IS DONE ONLY ONCE ON EACH STREET. DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE THE TRUCKS COME BACK TO YOUR STREET. A COMMON COMPLAINT IS THAT OUR TRUCKS “MISSED” ONE HOUSE ON THE STREET, BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE AS THE TRUCKS MOVE RIGHT ALONG THE GUTTER. IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF YOU PUT YOUR LEAVES OUT AFTER THE TRUCKS HAVE GONE BY!

As in years past, DO NOT PUT THE LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY. ANYONE PUTTING LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$90 FINE.

If you want to be EXTRA HELPFUL, please consider the disposal of leaves on your own property. Create your own compost site, or bring them into your woods and disburse them around the trees. Your “forest” will be healthier for your efforts, and you will help your Town by keeping the cost of this program down!

PLEASE DON'T DUMP YOUR LEAVES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY OR THE VACANT LOT ON THE STREET, UNLESS YOU HAVE THE OWNER'S PERMISSION.